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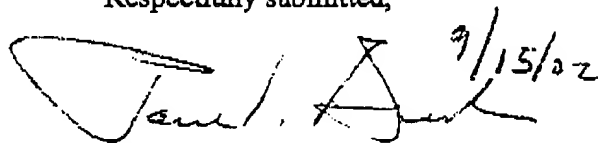
A response to the June 26, 2001 Office Action was filed on December 21, 2001 along with the Petition and required fee for a three month extension of time to file a response.

The marked up version of the Amended claim was inadvertently left out of the December 21, 2001 Amendment and is now enclosed.

The Declaration of Joachim M. Lüdcke pursuant to 35 CFR 1.132 is submitted as a supplementary response to the Examiner's argument that the claims contain subject matter that is not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in that art to which it pertains to make and/or use the invention.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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ANOTHER VERSION OF THE REWRITTEN CLAIM MARKED UP TO SHOW ALL OF  
THE CHANGES RELATIVE TO THE PREVIOUS VERSION OF THAT CLAIM

19. (Amended) A flap-type grinding tool, which is configured symmetrically about an axis of rotation comprising:
- a) an outer portion:
  - b) a plurality of abrasive flaps disposed on the outer portion wherein the outer portion is selected from the group consisting of a periphery, end faces, and combinations thereof;
  - c) a support body on which the abrasive flaps are fixed; and
  - d) a device for connecting the flap-type grinding tool to a drive apparatus, wherein the support body has at least one rotationally symmetrical lateral surface on which the abrasive flaps are at least partly fixed, and wherein the support body comprises at least one central element configured as a disk which extends essentially radially to the axis of rotation and the device for connecting the flap-type grinding tool to a drive apparatus has at least one contact surface formed by the disk for connecting the flap-type grinding tool to a drive apparatus and the support body further comprises a separate carrier ring which holds the flaps and on whose radially outermost outside one of the lateral surfaces is formed approximately parallel to the axis of rotation or at least inclined at less than 75 degrees to the axis of rotation.